The Proposals of the Tomales Bay State Park General Plan are based on the State Park Mission, Classification as a State Park, the Park's Declaration of Purpose and the Park Vision Statement

Level 1: State Park Mission Provide for the health, inspiration, and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.

Level 2: Classification as a State Park To be managed as a composite whole in order to restore, protect, and maintain its native environmental complexes to the extent compatible with the primary purpose for which the park was established. Improvements undertaken within state parks shall be for the purpose of making the areas available for public enjoyment and education in a manner consistent with the preservation of natural, scenic, cultural, and ecological values for present and future generations.

Level 3: Declaration of Purpose for TBSP (July 2000): The purpose of Tomales Bay State Park, in Marin County, is to preserve and protect lands on both sides of a large, narrow, protected Pacific Ocean Bay, noted for its exceptional water quality and for the geologic feature that underlies it, the San Andreas Fault. The unit offers broad bay vistas, rare sandy beaches, and forested uplands. The unit contains coastal prairie and nearby untouched Bishop pine forest, which contains nesting ospreys and spotted owls. The unit contains the archeological remains of Native American village sites.

California State Parks will preserve, protect, interpret and manage the unit's cultural, natural and scenic resources, features and values, making them available to the public for their educational, inspirational and recreational benefits.

Level 4: DRAFT Tomales Bay State Park Vision Statement Tomales Bay State Park will continue to be a unique refuge for nature, culture, and people focused on preserving, interpreting, and enjoying Tomales Bay and the park lands surrounding it. Native plants, wildlife, and marine life are protected and visitors find relaxation, rejuvenation, recreation, education, and inspiration in the park's natural environment. The park and the story of the Miwok people who lived here inspire and teach visitors to discover their connection and commitment to the Earth and to sustainable living. The park will continue to be managed to preserve and enhance its natural vistas and beaches, its refuges of silence and dark night skies, its life-sustaining water and air, its intact soils, its natural terrestrial, estuarine, intertidal, and marine processes and ecosystems, its native plant and animal species, its vital vegetation associations and wildlife populations, and its rich cultural, recreational, and educational values. The park's educational and recreational programs, facilities, and opportunities will be accessible to people of all backgrounds, ages, abilities, and place of residence and they will promote appreciation and preservation of the qualities that make this park and area so valuable. The Park will maintain its current cooperative relations with neighboring communities, landholders, and agencies in areas of mutual interest.